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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT,
WINFIELD SCOTT HANCOCK, OF PENN.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
WILLIAM H. ENGLISH, OF INDIANA.
ELECTORS AT LARGE,

John Echoles, of Augusta.
P. W. McKinney, of Prince Edward.
DISTRICT ELECTORS,
First District, Thomas Croxton, of Essex.
Second District, L. R. Willis, of Portsmouth.
Third District, Hill Carter, of Hanover.
Fourth District, S. P. Coleman, of Cumberland.
Fifth District, James B. Read, of Henry.
Sixth District, Samuel Grinnell, of Bedford.
Seventh District, F. M. McMullan, of Greene.
Eighth District, J. Y. Monroe, of Rappahannock.
Ninth District, R. H. Henry, of Tazewell.

FOR CONGRESS,
JOHN B. BARBOUR, OF ALEXANDRIA.

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 21.

General Devens repeats the radical version of the Hampton speech though he has seen Gen. Hampton's denial; which proves that he is not amenable to the influences which are supposed to operate upon all gentlemen, to make where he is.

General Sheridan has not lived in vain. The famous example he set in Louisiana by driving the bold headed legislators of that State out of their State House at the point of the bayonet has been followed by a military commander in Buenos Ayres.

Adjutant General Devens has determined to break up the system of extending army furloughs upon surgeon's certificates, as he has become aware that such certificates can be obtained for the asking. Any surgeon would have told the General this long ago.

The greenbackers everywhere else but in Maine support the radicals in preference to the moderate, but the radicals not only in Maine, but every where else designate the greenbackers as either "rabble" or "idiots," so that the radicals stout the principle involved in the expression "one good turn deserves another."

A letter from a valued correspondent in New York received to day says:

"The South is in this market one more and the merchants have found it out. Hancock was hissed at the republican mass meeting here on last Saturday by the custom house hirelings. All right! It will be remembered on the 4th of March."

Secretary Thompson has gone back to Indiana to enter actively into the campaign in that State, and being aroused by the urgency of the case, will not cease striking blows at the "bloody rebels" until the last ballot shall be cast. Mr. Maynard has also gone to his home in Tennessee to play the same tune, but on a lower key.

All over this district the best feeling now prevailing in the community for the regular democratic ticket has been aroused to a high pitch. Since the publication of the refusal of the Mahonites to accept the terms offered by the democrats a great revolution has taken place in the ranks of the readjusters' party, and the indications are that the vote for the third ticket will be very small.

The scene in stocks that took place when the republican defeat in Maine was first known, if of any political significance, indicated that so far at least as Wall street brokers are concerned Hancock is as good as elected, for if not why the fall? The vote of one State, especially such a comparatively insignificant one as Maine, surely of itself was not sufficient to produce such an effect.

Considering the fact the radicals keep up about the soil South, it seems rather strange that they are making no effort to dissolve that solidify. They send neither speakers, nor most convincing of all arguments to the representatives of the South, the negroes, money, to this section, but leave it to its idle, and consume all their work to the North. They want the South to remain solid for the partisan capital they make out of it, and unfortunately the democrats have to gratify their desire in this respect, for to do otherwise would be to turn over the people of some of the Southern States to the control of negroes whose ignorance and rapacity would soon ruin them.

Nothing is more demoralizing than bribing at the polls. It is destructive of all honest principles of action in political affairs, and the tendency in this direction indicates that we are fast approaching a condition of servitude to money. The next step in the programme it is certain will be money over law and honest opinion; after that capital will rule, and our country be governed by the control of trade and the money power. In this direction we are floating, we fear, out to the sea, where no hope will be left for the continuance of free institutions. It is time to arrest the progress of such movements, and to appeal to the better sense of the people. How far this malicious influence can be arrested will depend on coining only—majority who advocate honesty in politics and honesty in all the walks of life. The future is not far distant in moral revolutions where the people are slow to check the progress of corruption and cherish a thought of anarchy and confusion. We do not think that the people of the United States are prepared for such a condition of things; yet the late conduct of the republicans in Maine shows a downward tendency in political morals. We hope it will not extend beyond that State.—Hancock's election will secure a pure administration which will present an example to be thereafter followed.

It seems that Alexandria is not the only place at which unsuccessful launches occur. More, Say's fleet was to have been launched in Baltimore last Saturday, but it stuck on the stage and did not reach the water until yesterday.

At a recent republican meeting in Tappahannock R. D. Beekly, colored, of this city, one of the speakers, said the Mahonites wanted to belong to some party, but had not the backbone to come out and say they were republicans. He wasn't far from the truth.

According to the recent registration in Philadelphia the ratio of voters in that city is one to three and a half of population. Of course this shows bias upon its face, but it requires a large republican majority in that city to overcome the democratic majority in the rest of the State.

The Philadelphia Bulletin (republican) acknowledges that there can be no certainty about Pennsylvania going republican this year. The result, it says, may depend upon the republican vote in Philadelphia. The Bulletin for a rarity is right. After what has happened in Maine the quality of political uncertainty not only attaches to Pennsylvania but to all the heretofore most certainly republican States except Vermont, Iowa and Kansas.

It is understood that the ship yard in this city lost money on both the vessels recently built there. If this be so the loss can be attributed partially at least to Mr. Garfield, who, when there was a good opportunity for reducing the tariff on all the materials used in the construction of such vessels was mainly instrumental in thwarting the efforts of those endeavoring to gain that object. Everything necessary to the construction of a vessel is heavily taxed by the existing tariff, but Mr. Garfield says that tariff must not be lowered.

In the result of the Fairfax meeting given by the correspondents of the Baltimore Sun and other papers to day, it is represented that Gen. Williams proposed to divide this with Mr. Barbour, and he declined. The fact was that no proposition of the kind was made to Mr. B., at all, but the matter was regulated entirely by the local democratic committee without reference to Mr. B. We understand that the committee had declined any division of time on the ground that the meeting and barbecue had been gotten up solely at the expense of the democrats, and a number of speakers had been brought there from a distance to address them, and that the counter proposition was that the Mahonite legislators could participate in the meeting and discussion if they would contribute their share of expenses, which was declined. It was hardly fair to expect the democrats to get up a fest for the benefit of their opponents. Wherever Mr. Barbour goes he puts himself in the heads of the local managers of the democratic party in the several counties, and holds himself ready to do what his friends require. He does not say, and we perfectly agree with him, that any good can come out of a discussion with the Mahonite element in regard to the State debt, which is not a legitimate issue in this case, and has nothing to do with the election of a President or member of Congress that would the election of the Achaea of Swat.

Mr. Conkling, after much urgent persuasion, finally fired off his gun last Friday night. His ammunition, like most of that he has always used, was dawdler and gross misrepresentation and the veriest sophism, but, nevertheless, was doubtless (effective with his audience). He was frank enough, however, to acknowledge that the radicals were conducting this campaign upon sectional issues, and attempted, though vainly, to justify them. The solid South was the red flag that enraged him, though he knew that to dissolve that solidarity would require that some of the Southern States be turned over to the control of ignorant, thriftless and vicious negroes. He accused the South of making fraudulent census returns, though he was aware that the census takers were appointed by Mr. Hayes upon the recommendation of so good a republican as Gen. Walker. He denounced the people of the South as repudiators, when he knew that at the recent election in Arkansas the democrats of that State, though opposed by the republicans, declared against repudiation, and that the democratic party in Virginia is now fighting for the same object and against the same opponents. He said the South is in favor of soft money, while he had just read that Alabama and Arkansas had voted against the greenbackers as an overwhelming majority. He cleared the South with disregard for the sanctity of pecuniary obligations, though he reads every day that his party in Virginia is doing all it can to defeat the men who want to pay the just debt of this State. He told his audience that the South, in order to achieve its religious purposes, would reconstruct the Supreme Court, when he had nothing to warrant such an assertion, though his own party had done that very thing to aggravate the wealth of some of its members. He harped upon the payment of Southern claims and "federal pensions," when he is convinced that such payment is impossible without the consent of three-fourths of the States of the North. He promised his hearers that the republican party would build up the merchant marine of the country, when it is well known that the candidate of his party for the presidency has optimistically and invariably worked and voted again reducing the tariff on manufactured in the construction of ships and vessels allowing Americans to buy ships in the cheapest market. He credited all the "Southern outrages," concocted by republicans for radical consumption, and, in short, sufficed his audience as full of wilful and deliberate misrepresentation and sophistical reasoning as it was possible to cram them at one sitting—and he, too, the most distinguished and influential of the radical leaders. Ex-Gov. Seymour, of his own State, one of the sagest counsellors and most revered leaders of democracy, made a speech one week before Mr. Conkling, in which he took a broad, liberal and national view of the real issues involved in this campaign, leaving the small tricks of the partisan for those of the lesser lights of his party, and it was hoped that Mr. Conkling would follow his example, but such hopes were doomed to disappointment.

The American reprint of Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine for September has been received from its publishers, the Leonard Scott Publishing Company of New York. Its contents are: The Pillars of the State, part V; Dr. Whipple's School, The Bayard of the East, A Walk in Athens, A Lasting Memory, part X of Bush Life in Queensland, and New Novels.

of Mr. Conkling and the radical organization being narrow-minded, bigoted and sectional, and that of Mr. Seymour and the democracy being liberal, generous and national.

Mr. Blaine says the reason he can't get the official returns from some of the towns in Maine is the want of travelling facilities. But the returns from these same towns last year, when the republicans had no reason for holding them back, were received the day after the election, and traveling facilities have increased in Maine since then. That there was a deliberate attempt to count out Paisted most surely are now convinced, and had it not been for the fear of conviction, the party would have been successful in Maine.

In the court house yard a stand had been erected for the speakers, which was festooned with flags and evergreens, and most excellent music was discourse by the Leesburg band.

The first speaker was Mr. John B. Barbour,

who, in a plain, "unvarnished" style, gave to the listening crowd a brief, but lucid expression of his views upon the great political issues of the day, touching upon the State debt question but to deprecate its being forced into the present crisis, and urging upon the people the great importance of electing the democratic ticket. The people are thoroughly aroused to the importance of the contest, and Fairfax may be classed among the most certain of the counties in the district for a ruling majority for Hancock and English and Birchen.

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